

Web-Based Nursing Certification Information

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Nursing Organization	Certification	Required Experience	Degree Required	Examination Required	Recertification Procedure	Site for Further Information
American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN)	Critical Care Certified Nurse (CCRN) Adult Neonatal Pediatric	*Current RN license *1750 hours in direct patient care of adult, neonatal or pediatric critically ill patients w/in last 2 years; 875 hours w/in the year of application	no	Yes in: *Adult critical care *Neonatal critical care *Pediatric critical care	By CERP - Portfolio of CEUs every 3 years 100 points 25 must address the needs of acute and critically ill patients and families across the healthcare continuum.	www.aacn.org www.certcorp.org/
Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)	Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN)	*Current RN license *1 year w/in 3 yrs of	No	Yes - Initial Exam	By ONC-PRO - Portfolio of CEUs	www.oncc.org www.ons.org

		application *1,000 hrs oncology nursing practice w/in 2.5yrs prior to application *10 CEUs in oncology nursing w/in 3 yrs of application			every 4 years 100 points 65 must be oncology content	
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	Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse (AOCN)	*Current RN license *Master's or higher degree in nursing, preferably in oncology *2.5 year w/in 5 yrs of application *2,000 hrs oncology nursing practice w/in 5yrs prior to application	Yes - MSN	Yes - Initial Exam	By ONC-PRO - Portfolio of CEUs every 4 years 125 points 75 must be oncology content	www.oncc.org www.ons.org
International Society of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG)	Genetic Clinical Nurse (GCN)	*Current RN license *Copy of certification held by applicant *CV reflecting 3 yrs professional and volunteer activities related to knowledge/ experience in genetics *Log of 50 cases w/in last	No	No	By Portfolio	www.geneticnurse.org

		5 yrs of application *Four written case studies *45 CEUs in genetics content w/in 3 yrs of application *Evidence of patient teaching *Performance verification from employer *Three peer review letters				
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	Advanced Practice Nurse in Genetics (APNG)	*Current RN license *Copy of certification held by applicant *CV reflecting 3 yrs professional and volunteer activities related to knowledge/experience in genetics *Experience as clinical genetics nurse w/ >50% genetic practice component *300 hrs genetic practicum experience *Log of 50 cases w/in last 5 yrs of application *Four written case studies *Performance verification from employer *Three peer review letters	No	No - by Portfolio of counseled cases	By Portfolio of counseled cases	www.geneticnurse.org

Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses (APON)	Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse (CPON)	*Current RN license *1 year w/in 3 yrs of application *1,000 hrs oncology nursing practice w/in 2.5yrs prior to application *10 CEUs in oncology nursing w/in 3 yrs of application	No	Yes - Initial Exam	By ONC-PRO - Portfolio of CEUs every 4 years 100 points 80 must be pediatric content of which 50 must be pediatric oncology	www.oncc.org www.apon.org
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American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Ambulatory Care Community Health College Health Gerontological Home Health Medical-Surgical Administration Staff Development Pediatrics Perinatal Psychiatric Case Management Cardiac/Vascular Informatics	*Current RN license *2 years full-time practice as an RN *2000 hours clinical practice in specialty w/in last 3 yrs *30 CEUs w/in last 3 yrs	Diploma/associate degree or BSN/higher	Yes	CEUs <i>OR</i> test	http://nursingworld.org/ancc
	Nurse Practitioner Certifications	*Current RN license *Formal training in specialty in application	MSN or higher	Yes	CEUs <i>OR</i> test	

		*Graduated from accredited institution offering minimum of 500 hours supervised clinical practice				
	Clinical Nurse Specialist Programs	*Current RN license * Formal training in specialty in application *Graduated from accredited institution offering minimum of 500 hours supervised clinical practice	MSN or higher	Yes	CEUs <i>OR</i> test	
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	Advanced Administration	*Current RN license		Yes	CEUs <i>OR</i> test	
	Advanced Diabetes Management Programs	*Current RN license		Yes	CEUs <i>OR</i> test	
	Advanced Practice Palliative Care Certification	*Current RN license	MSN or higher	Yes	CEUs <i>OR</i> test	
American Association of Neuroscience Nurse (AANN)	Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse CNRN	*Current RN license *4,160 hours nursing experience in neuroscience nursing *75 CEUs in neuroscience nursing	No	Yes	CEUs/work experience <i>OR</i> test	www.aann.org

Infusion Nurses Society	CRNI	*Current RN license *1600 hours nursing experience in IV therapy	No	Yes	CEUs <i>OR</i> test	www.ins1.org
American Association of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN)	RN,C	*Current RN license *2000 hours within 3 yrs *30 CEUs within 3 yrs	No	Yes	CEUs <i>OR</i> test	www.aaacn.org
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Association of Operating Room Nurses	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	www.aorn.org
Hospice & Palliative Nurses Association	Certified Hospice & Palliative Nurse (CHPN)	*Current RN license *2 yrs experience in hospice/palliative care	No	Yes	Hospice & Palliative Alternative Recertification (HPAR) = 100 points w/in 4 yrs	www.hpna.org
American Association of Diabetes Educators	Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE)	1. Current license <i>OR</i> Master's Degree 2. Two yrs experience in diabetes education 1,000hrs experience within 5 yrs Current employment	No	Yes	Examination Continued employment in specialty	www.aadenet.org

		as a diabetes educator				
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care	AIDS Certified Registered Nurse (ACRN)	*Current RN license *2 yrs experience in HIV/AIDS nursing	No	Yes	Exam <i>and</i> 70 CEUs within 4 yrs	www.anacnet.org
American Nephrology Nurses' Association	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://anna.inurse.com/anna.htm
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Infection Control Nurses Association	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	www.icna.co.uk
Society of Gastroenterology Nurses & Associates	Certified Gastroenterology Registered Nurse (CGRN)	*Current RN license *2 yrs experience in GI nursing within last 5 yrs *Verification of employment by colleagues	No	Yes	Exam <i>OR</i> CEUs (100)	www.sgna.org
Wound & Ostomy Continence Nursing	Wound Ostomy Continence Certified Nurse (WOCN)	*RN License *One of the following: *Accredited WOC Nursing Education Program *Graduate Nursing program	Yes: BSN	Yes	Examination RN license	www.wocn.org www.wocncb.org www.aawm.org

		*50 CEUs & 1,500 clinical hours over last 5 yrs.				
American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses (ASORN)	Ophthalmic Certified Registered Nurse (OCRN)	*RN license *4000 hours experience in ophthalmic registered nursing practice	No	Yes	CEUs <i>OR</i> test	http://webeye.ophth.uiova.edu/asorn/certif

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Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses	Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN)	*Current RN license *2 yrs experience in med-surg nursing w/in last 5 yrs *3,000 hrs clinical experience	No	Yes	Exam <i>OR</i> CEUs	www.medsurnurse.org